

REMARKSObjection

Claims 10, 11, and 16-18 were objected as lacking antecedent basis. Claims 10, 11, 16-18, and 23 have been amended to correct the noted deficiencies, and claims 15 and 22 have been canceled.

Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness typically double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,651,765. A terminal disclaimer is included herewith.

Rejection under U.S.C. § 102(b)

Claims 10-14 and 17-21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukuda, 5,152,255. It was noted that Claims 15, 16, 22, and 23 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations. Responsive thereto, Claims 10 and 17 have been amended to include the limitations of claims 15 and 22 respectively. Accordingly, it is believed that claims 10-14, 16-21, and 23 are now in condition for allowance.

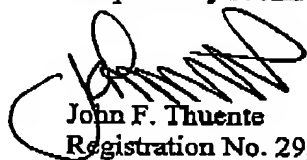
CONCLUSION

Claims 1-23 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 15 and 22 are canceled and claims 10, 11, 16-18, and 23 are amended.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

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